

THE BOERS NOW IN POSSESSION OF DUNDEE

An Order For Its Evacuation Carried Out on Monday.

NATAL COLONY COMPLETELY INVESTED

Large Forces of the Dutch are Pouring In on All Sides--All Mines Have Been Abandoned and the Inhabitants Departed.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—A dispatch to the Herald from London says: The Daily Telegraph publishes this dispatch from its special correspondent:

LADYSMITH, Monday.—Dundee is now practically empty. Special trains have brought down 3,000 persons, mostly women and children, besides many in trucks (flat cars). An order to evacuate was received in Dundee at 9 o'clock this morning.

The Dutch and local miners have left their work in the Dundee district. All the mines in this area here have been closed down, owing to the alarm that the Boers are in the vicinity of Dundee. Oliver Davis reports that his store in Ingago was looted by the Boers. He watched them enter Newcastle on Sunday night, and saw the advance guard of General Joubert's column enter Dannhauser station, which is south of Newcastle.

Our patrol beyond Dundee last night caught a spy named Vermaak. It appears from this man, who is a Dutchman, that the Boers have torn up the railway near Ingagane.

A hotel keeper there saw them. Four Boers entered his hotel, bought and paid for their goods, then told him to get out, and took possession of the place.

Private reports say that a Boer column is advancing from De Jagers Drift against Dundee, with 15,000 men, but this number is greatly exaggerated. Probably there are only about 7,000.

Telegrams sent to Ladysmith and Newcastle from Hattingspruit station, north of Giencoe, ask that no more empty trucks (flat cars) shall be forwarded there. It is believed that the enemy's patrols are in the neighborhood of that coal field, which is also threatened. If this should be closed, the source from which the best steam

coal is obtained in this part of the world would be temporarily lost.

The proclamation of martial law will have a beneficial effect in clearing the border of numbers of spies and other suspected persons.

The following statement has been officially communicated to me:

"The colony of Natal was invaded from the Transvaal early the morning of the 13th inst. The advance was made by the enemy in three columns. On the right was a mixed column of Transvaalers and Free State burghers, with the Hollander volunteer corps. It moved through Dothas Pass. In the center was the main column, under General Joubert's personal command. It crossed Laings Nek and moved forward by way of Ingago. On the left a large command advanced from Wakkerstroom, but way of Mott's Nek and Wools Drift.

"The objective point of the three columns was Newcastle, which was occupied on the night of October 14, the central column having slept the previous night at General Colley's old camping place, Mount Prospect.

"Yesterday an advance of artillery of 1,500 Boers pushed south to Ingagane, but the greater portion of the commands retired during the day on Newcastle.

"The Boer force, which for some days has been concentrated east of De Jagers Drift, on October 14 captured a patrol of six men of the Natal police.

"A platoon of mounted infantry of the Sixtieth rifles also exchanged a few shots with the enemy. This as yet is the only fighting.

"Our troops are in excellent spirits and fertile. The Natal volunteers in particular are doing valuable work in a soldier-like manner and spirit. The general officer commanding in Natal greatly appreciates their conduct."

which will be presented to the proposed conference.

It is understood that the three governments are giving serious consideration to the advisability of the partitioning of the island.

PARTITION OF SAMOA PROBABLE

JOINT COMMISSION TO MEET

Denial of Rumor That England Has Made a Private Agreement With Germany Under Which Latter Goes Out.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Negotiations have been commenced between the three powers signatory to the Berlin treaty contemplating a permanent settlement of the Samoan question.

Herr Mumm von Schwarzenstein, German special envoy, called at the state department Monday and discussed Samoan matters with Dr. Hill, acting secretary of state. It is understood that neither Herr Mumm nor Dr. Hill has received any information confirmatory of the report that the natives have declared Tamesese king, although it is known that peaceful conditions do not exist in the island.

The character of the treaty for the permanent settlement of the question has not yet been determined, nor will it be until after a conference between the representatives of the three powers. It has not yet been determined whether this conference shall take place in Washington, Berlin or London. All that can be said about the matter is that the three powers are considering the joint report of their commissioners and will make that report the basis of the plan

"AUNTIES" HOLD A CONVENTION

AGUINALDO IS GLORIFIED

The Cruel War for the Enslavement of the Noble Tagalos Must Be Stopped.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—The opposition of the anti-expansionists to the subjugation of the Philippines took tangible form today in a meeting of about 160 delegates from different parts of the country to launch a crusade against the policy of the administration in the Philippines.

Addresses were made by J. Sterling Morton, Carl Schurz and others. The Hon. J. Sterling Morton, of Nebraska, said in the course of his address: "The preamble of the constitution says:

"We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the United States of America."

"To acquire insular territory in the Pacific ocean, inhabited by from 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 of people of another race, who live under a tropical sun, is not to form a more perfect union. 'To take these Filipinos by force of arms and benevolently assimilate them is not to establish justice.' It is not to insure domestic tranquility. 'It is not to provide for' but to imperil 'the common defense.' It is not to 'promote the general welfare.' It will not tend to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity. And yet for these purposes our forefathers ordained and established this constitution of the United States of America."

Mr. Edwin Burritt Smith of Chicago said:

"It is now some 18 months since Mr. McKinley, with professions of reluctance, deliberately changed a simply naval position before Manila into a complex military situation on Asiatic soil. The army of occupation was not sent to protect the naval force under Admiral Dewey. It was not sent to support a declaration that the Philippines as well as the Cubans are and of right ought to be free and independent. It was sent to defend a flag hoisted without right on a foreign soil. It was sent to transform a war of liberation in the western hemisphere into a war of conquest in Asia, into a war of commerce, a war of criminal aggression. Men recruited to fight for liberty in Cuba were sent to fight against liberty in the Philippines. Mr. McKinley thus transformed a war for humanity in Cuba into a war of inhumanity in the east.

"This conference should make it known at once to whom it may concern that we propose next year to contribute to the defeat of any party that shall stand for the forcible subjugation of any people; that we shall oppose the re-election of any, who, in the White House of congress, shall have betrayed American liberty in pursuit of empire."

LAWS OF NEW ZEALAND.

Some Experiments in Legislation and Conditions Resulting Therefrom.

New Zealand thirty years ago was divided into six provinces (states). There was intense rivalry between them and between sections, which led to subdivision of provinces.

Ten years ago began a bad financial panic. Since then the whole tendency has been toward centralization. The state lines, so far as legislation is concerned, have been practically wiped out, though the names are retained in use for convenience.

No man, it is claimed, can starve in New Zealand. An old-age pension provides absolutely for the support of every person of either sex past the age of working.

Any man can have land, by a law somewhat similar to our own homestead act. He does not have it in fee, but upon a long lease.

For some time after the settlement of New Zealand the natives were exterminated like our own Indians. There are only 41,000 left, but they are now increasing somewhat.

New Zealand is an agricultural country of sparse population. The new legislation of 1891 and succeeding years has levied taxation of two sorts—on land and on incomes. No attempt is made to collect tax on personality.

The land tax is levied only on estates worth \$2,500 or upward. Mortgages and some improvements are exempt. On landed properties worth from \$2,500 to \$20,000 a tax rate is levied, varying each year according to public needs. On estates worth more than \$20,000 and up to \$50,000 an additional tax of .5% per cent is levied (one-eighth

penny in the pound). This differential tax increases by a sliding scale until landed estates worth \$1,000,000 pay annually 1% pence to the pound, or about \$1,400, more in proportion than the estate of \$25,000, while the estate of \$2,500 pays nothing.

This law was made to break up large landed estates and it has done it. They cannot exist. As land becomes more valuable by the acre, estates of moderate size will be similarly broken up. As the price of land grows in proportion to density of population, this legislation will subdivide the land more and more.

The law forbids the sale by auction of more than 320 acres in one plot.

The compulsory arbitration law, introduced in 1891, was bitterly opposed. It passed in 1894. It seems to work well. There has been but one strike since.

Unions of workmen and employers, which register for the purpose, can vote for the arbitrators. They use the act whether registered or not.

Arrangements for wages are made for two years, so that employers know what they can figure on.

Union labor is not insisted upon in all cases, but is favored by the arbitrators. If a business has employed non-union men neither forced out nor compelled to join the union. Nowhere else, however, are labor unions any stronger.

New Zealand has an eight hour day, a half-holiday every week, a dozen full holidays in the year—all at full wages. Less drunkenness and more thrift are said to result from this law.

New Zealand women, white and brown alike, can vote for members of the legislature, but cannot themselves be members.

COURTSHIP SWEETENED

London Tit-Bits.

The driver of a slow passenger train noticed that the stoker always stared intently at the windows of a certain cottage near the line, and curiosity impelled him to ask for an explanation of the habit.

"My girl lives there," said the stoker sentimentally.

"Then I suppose she sits in the window watching for you?" surmised the driver.

"No, she don't; she ain't time to play the fool," grunted the stoker. "I only look to see whether the window blind's up or down. If it's up I know it's courtin' night; if it's down I know it ain't. That's all."

"And do you always visit her when you see the blind up?"

"You bet I do, boss," answered the stoker, heartily. "'Tis one of her trips an' onion nights, an' she knows I should not turn up but for that. Courtin' is a dry game without a tasty supper to help it along."

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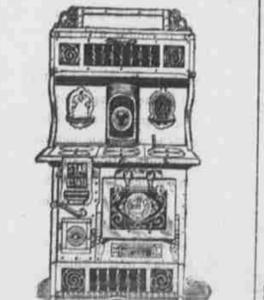
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